

ORDER NO. 5307

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Chairman;
Michael Kubayanda, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Ann C. Fisher; and
Ashley E. Poling

Competitive Product Prices
Parcel Select Contract 22 (MC2017-155)
Negotiated Service Agreements

Docket No. CP2017-219

ORDER ON MOTIONS

(Issued November 15, 2019)

On April 15, 2019, the Commission approved Amendment Two to Parcel Select Contract 22.¹ Order No. 5057 required the Postal Service to report contract-specific volumes, costs, and workhours on a quarterly basis for the duration of the contract, with each report due within 30 days of the complete of each quarter of the fiscal year. Order No. 5057 at 5.

The first such quarterly report was due on July 30, 2019. *Id.* On September 24, 2019, the Postal Service filed a motion for late acceptance of its first quarterly report,

¹ Order Approving Amendment Two to Parcel Select Negotiated Service Agreement, April 15, 2019 (Order No. 5057).

citing the need for “additional time to gather and verify the requested data, and for internal review.”²

On October 15, 2019, the Postal Service filed a motion to extend the deadline for its quarterly reports, identifying several factors which “cause significant challenges to the Postal Service in producing accurate and reliable quarterly data reports within [30] days after the close of each quarter.”³ The Postal Service additionally notes that “quarterly data reports produced within thirty days of the close of each quarter must necessarily rely on preliminary data that may change” once the Revenue, Pieces, and Weight and Billing Determinant final data is available. Motion to Extend Reporting Deadline at 2. The Postal Service submits that extending the deadline to 60 days after the close of each quarter would produce more accurate data. *Id.* at 2-3.

On October 31, 2019, the Postal Service filed a motion for late acceptance of its second quarterly report, citing similar obstacles as discussed in its First Motion for Late Acceptance.⁴ The Postal Service noted that its second quarterly report was based on preliminary data, and urged the Commission to issue an order on the Motion to Extend Deadline as soon as practicable. Second Motion for Late Acceptance at 1.

The Commission agrees with the Postal Service that more-accurate data is preferable. Additionally, no party has opposed the Motion to Extend Deadline. Accordingly the Commission grants the Motion to Extend Deadline. Future quarterly reports in this Docket shall be filed within 60 days of the end of each quarter of the fiscal year, with the first such report (the third quarterly report) due March 2, 2020.

The Commission also grants the Motions for Late Acceptance.

² USPS Motion for Late Acceptance of First Quarterly Report, September 24, 2019, at 1 (First Motion for Late Acceptance).

³ USPS Motion to Extend Deadline for Quarterly Reporting, October 15, 2019, at 1-2 (Motion to Extend Deadline).

⁴ USPS Motion for Late Acceptance of Second Quarterly Report, October 31, 2019, at 1 (Second Motion for Late Acceptance) (collectively with the First Motion for Late Acceptance, Motions for Late Acceptance).

It is ordered:

1. The Postal Service's Motion to Extend Deadline, filed October 15, 2019, is granted. Future quarterly reports in this Docket shall be filed within 60 days of the end of each quarter of the fiscal year, with the first such report due March 2, 2020.
2. The Postal Service's Motions for Late Acceptance, filed September 24, 2019, and October 31, 2019, are granted.

By the Commission.

Darcie S. Tokioka
Acting Secretary